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SUBJECT: EXHIBITS: OUTDOOR RECREATION: ODESSA OPENING

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1. BRIGHT, CLEAR WEATHER FAVORED THE OPENING OF THE U.S. EXHIBIT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5, IN THE CITY OF ODESSA, U.S.S.R. THIS IS THE SIXTH AND LAST CITY OF THE YEAR-LONG TOUR.
2. APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11AM AND HEARD SPEECHES OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF ODESSA, MR. SHURKO, AND MR. BORISOV, CHIRMAN OF THE USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.
3. THE EXHIBIT, WHICH IS HOUSED IN A DRAMTIC 120 FOOT DIAMETER AMERICAN-CONSTRUCTED DOME, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE RECENTLY APPOINTED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, MR. WALTER J. STOESSEL. MUCH TO THE PLEASURE OF THE ASSEMBLED GUESTS, AMBASSADOR STOESSEL DELIVERED HIS ADDRESS IN RUSSIAN AND STRESSED THE FACT THAT THE CHOICE OF ODESSA AS THE LAST CITY WAS INDEED FORTUNATE, NOTING APRIL 10 CELEBRATION OF THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CITY'S LIBERATION, AND AREA'S RICH RECREATION RESOURCES.
4. AT 1 PM AMBASSADOR STOESSEL HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR 60 HIGH RANKING UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE ENTIRE

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OREC STAFF. THE SOVIET VISITORS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR PRAISE

OF THE THEME AND TECHNIQUES USED AND PREDICTED THAT THE EXHIBIT WOULD BE AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

5. AT THE RECEPTION, THE AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCED THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXHIBIT THE 550 VOLUME OREC LIBRARY WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE GORKY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ODESSA. IN TOKEN OF THIS, A BOOK SYMBOLIZING THE DONATION WAS PRESENTED TO MR. IVAN MAZURENKO, DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY, WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THIS WITH PARTICULAR THANKS IN THE NAME OF THE CITIZENS OF ODESSA.

6. THE PAVILION WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT 3 PM AND WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 4,000 VISITORS, MAKING IT THE LARGEST OPENING DAY ATTENDANCE OF THE ENTIRE TOUR. AL SIGNALS FROM ODESSA RE GO.
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